



Weekly Update

Friday, April 14, 2017

ARKANSAS DERBY HEADLINES FINAL WEEKEND ON ROAD TO KENTUCKY DERBY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, April 14, 2017) – The Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by TwinSpires.com concludes Saturday with the \$1 million Arkansas Derby (Grade I), which will help finalize the preference list for the 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (GI) on Saturday, May 6.

The 1 1/8-mile Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park is the lone-remaining Championship Series race worth 100 points to the winner and 40 points to the runner-up, which will be crucial to make the starting gate on the first Saturday in May. In addition to first two finishing positions, the Arkansas Derby's third and fourth-place finishers will receive 20 and 10 points respectively.

Arkansas Derby entrant **Untrapped** entered Saturday as the "bubble" horse at the 20th position on the preference list with 34 points. Only the Top 16 horses have clinched spots in the Kentucky Derby starting gate.

Untrapped and reigning 2-year-old champion **Classic Empire** can secure berths with a Top 4 finish.

Following a disappointing third-place finish in the Feb. 4 Holy Bull (GII), the **Mark Casse**-trained Classic Empire returns to the races as the 8-5 morning line favorite in the Arkansas Derby. The Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner had a few hiccups in his training this winter at Palm Meadows near Miami and was relocated to the Winding Oaks Training Facility in Ocala, Fla. to continue his preparations for the Arkansas Derby.

The son of Pioneerof the Nile is scheduled to face 11 rivals including **Malagacy**, the undefeated son of Shackleford who was a two-length winner of the March 18 Rebel (GII) to lock up 50 points and a spot in the Kentucky Derby starting gate.

Untrapped, the third-place finisher in the Rebel, will pick up the riding services of Hall of Fame jockey **Mike Smith** for the Arkansas Derby in his attempt for a chance to run for the roses.

Sunland Derby runner-up **Conquest Mo Money**, who would need to be supplemented to the Kentucky Derby for \$200,000, and Rebel runner-up **Sonneteer** can lock down Derby spots with a Top 3 finish.

Petrov, **Looking At Lee**, **Rowdy the Warrior** and **Silver Dust** need to finish in the Top 2 for a Derby run. **Rockin Rudy**, **Grandpa's Dream** and **One Dreamy Dude** need to win because a runner-up effort might put them on the "bubble" with 40 points as non-restricted stakes earnings serve as tie-breakers.

The Arkansas Derby will go as Race 11 at Oaklawn Park with a post time of 6:18 p.m. (all times EDT).

The \$200,000 Lexington (GIII) also will be run Saturday but with the Top 4 finishers earning 10-4-2-1 points, respectively, the 1 1/16-mile race isn't expected to impact the Kentucky Derby field. The Lexington goes as Race 9 at Keeneland at 5:34 p.m.

California shipper **West Coast** is Lexington's 3-1 morning line favorite in the field of 10. The 3-year-old colt by Flatter broke his maiden March

12 at Santa Anita and Hall of Fame trainer **Bob Baffert** will add blinkers for the first time.

West Coast's main opponents include Tampa Bay Derby (GII) fourth-place finisher **No Dozing**; front-running maiden victor **Time to Travel**; and Spiral (GIII) third-place finisher **Convict Pike**.

The Road to the Kentucky Oaks concludes Friday with the Fantasy (GIII) at Oaklawn Park. The Fantasy is Race 8 at 5:42 p.m. The top-four finishers will receive 100-40-20-10 points, respectively.

#TRENDING

1. TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby winner **Girvin** is scheduled to breeze after the renovation break Saturday morning at Churchill Downs' Trackside Training Center. Girvin is based in trainer **Joe Sharp**'s Barn A.

2. **McCraken** shipped to **Ian Wilkes**' Barn 26 at Churchill Downs on Monday following his third-place finish in the Blue Grass. The colt returned to the track for regular training at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

3. Trainer **Todd Pletcher** confirmed Monday that Southwest (GII) winner **One Liner** has been removed from Kentucky Derby consideration.

4. Jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.** confirmed Monday that he will ride McCracken in the Kentucky Derby.

5. Hall of Fame jockey **Mike Smith** has picked up the Kentucky Derby mount on Girvin after regular rider Brian Hernandez Jr. opted to ride McCracken.

6. Blue Grass fourth-place finisher **J Boys Echo** returned to trainer **Dale Romans**' Barn 4 at Churchill Downs following Saturday's race at Keeneland. The Gotham (GII) winner could breeze as early as Monday morning at Churchill Downs but his training plans are in flux.

7. Florida Derby winner **Always Dreaming** returned to the work tab Friday morning at Palm Beach Downs. The 3-year-old colt breezed a half-mile in :49.80.

8. Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen** breezed Sunland Derby (GIII) winner **Hence** and Louisiana Derby third-place finisher **Local Hero** on Monday at Churchill Downs. Hence, No. 13 on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard with 50 points, breezed a half-mile in :47.80, while Local Hero, No. 23 with 30 points, breezed a half-mile in :51.80, according to the Churchill Downs official clockers.

9. Some of trainer Todd Pletcher's early Derby contingent is scheduled to arrive Sunday and Monday at Churchill Downs. Blue Grass fifth-place finisher **Tapwrit** is scheduled to van from Keeneland on Sunday while Florida Derby (GI) winner **Always Dreaming**, Louisiana Derby runner-up **Patch**, and Arkansas Derby entrant **Malagacy** could arrive on Monday. Pletcher will be stabled in Barn 40.

10. Florida Derby runner-up **State of Honor** is scheduled to breeze Sunday at 6 a.m. at Churchill Downs, according to trainer **Mark Casse**.

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DOWN THE STRETCH

Wood Memorial (GII) winner **Irish War Cry** vanned to trainer **Graham Motion**'s Fair Hill training base on Saturday. Motion reported that the New Jersey-bred will have one more work at Fair Hill before shipping to Churchill Downs. ... Blue Grass (GII) upset winner **Irap** returned to the track Wednesday morning at Keeneland for the first time since winning Saturday's race. Also returning to the track was Blue Grass fifth-place finisher **Tapwrit**. ... Florida Derby (GI) third-place finisher **Gunnevera** is expected to breeze on Saturday morning at Gulfstream Park West, according to trainer **Antonio Sano**. The colt is expected to arrive at Churchill Downs on April 22. ... Blue Grass runner-up **Practical Joke** will remain at Keeneland for the time being according to trainer **Chad Brown**. ... Trainer **John Shirreffs** reported that Santa Anita Derby (GI) winner **Gormley** is likely to remain in California until Derby week. ... TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) winner **Farrell** has been training regularly at Churchill Downs and is scheduled to work Saturday morning. ... Gulfstream Park Oaks (GI) victor **Salty** returned to trainer **Mark Casse**'s Barn 36 last Friday and is scheduled to breeze on Sunday morning. ... Late nominations for the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) and Derby Week stakes races close on Saturday, April 15. The stakes races are the April 29: \$100,000 William Walker; May 4: \$100,000 Kentucky Juvenile; May 5: \$150,000 Edgewood (GIII), \$200,000 Eight Belles (GII), \$400,000 Alysheba (GII), \$300,000 La Troienne (GI) and \$150,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GIII); May 6: \$250,000 Pat Day Mile (GIII), \$300,000 American Turf (GII), \$500,000 Churchill Downs (GII), \$300,000 Distaff Turf Mile (GII) and \$300,000 Humana Distaff (GI). ... "**Inside Churchill Downs**," co-hosted by Churchill Downs Racetrack's **John Asher**, **Darren Rogers** and **Kevin Kerstein**, airs Saturday from 10-11 a.m. on **ESPN 680/105.7**.

UPCOMING DERBY, OAKS WORKOUTS

SATURDAY: Derby Contenders: Girvin (8:30 a.m., Joe Sharp, Trackside Barn A); Fast and Accurate (8:30 a.m., Mike Maker, Trackside Barn K). **Oaks Contenders:** Farrell (6:00 a.m., Wayne Catalano, Barn 30)

SUNDAY: Derby Contenders: State of Honor (6 a.m., Mark Casse, Barn 36). **Oaks Contenders:** Salty (6 a.m., Casse, Barn 36).

MONDAY: Derby Contenders: *possible* J Boys Echo (8:45 a.m., Dale Romans, Barn 4).

PAST PERFORMANCES & STAKES HISTORIES

Brisnet.com Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks Past Performances
http://www.brisnet.com/brisnet_promos/DerbyOaks17.pdf

Brisnet.com Arkansas Derby Past Performances
http://www.brisnet.com/brisnet_promos/ArkansasDerby17.pdf

Brisnet.com Lexington Past Performances
http://www.brisnet.com/brisnet_promos/Lexington17.pdf

Arkansas Derby History
https://www.kentuckyderby.com/uploads/wysiwyg/assets/uploads/Stakes_Histories_-_Arkansas_Derby_2017_.pdf

Lexington Stakes History
https://www.kentuckyderby.com/uploads/wysiwyg/assets/uploads/Stakes_Histories_-_Lexington_2017_.pdf

DERBY, OAKS SCHEDULED ARRIVALS

SUNDAY: Derby Contenders: Tapwrit (Todd Pletcher, Barn 40)

MONDAY: Derby Contenders: Always Dreaming (Pletcher, Barn 40), Classic Empire (Mark Casse, Barn 36); Malagacy (Pletcher, Barn 40); Patch (Pletcher, Barn 40); Silver Dust (Randy Morse, Barn 34). **Oaks Contenders:** Ghalia (Pletcher, Barn 40).

Fantasy (GIII)

Friday, April 14, \$400,000, 3yo (f), 1 1/16 M, Oaklawn Park (R8), 5:42 p.m. EDT. TV: TVG/TVG2.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	Chanel's Legacy	Alex Birzer	Lynn Chleborad	8-1
2.	My Sweet Stella	Ramon Vazquez	D. Wayne Lukas	20-1
3.	Benner Island	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Brad Cox	5-2
4.	Drinks On Broadway*	Joe Johnson	Gary Hartlage	30-1
5.	Vexatious	Kent Desormeaux	Neil Drysdale	7-2
6.	Kell Paso*	Joe Rocco Jr.	Greg Green	6-1
7.	Dutch Parrot	Calvin Borel	Will Van Meter	15-1
8.	Conquest Bandito**	Channing Hill	Wayne Catalano	15-1
9.	Torrent	Jose Ortiz	Ron Moquett	10-1
10.	Spooky Woods	Flavien Prat	Jerry Hollendorfer	4-1
11.	Conquest Slayer*	Jorge Carreno	Miguel Hernandez	50-1
12.	Ever So Clever	Luis Contreras	Steve Asmussen	20-1

*Not Kentucky Oaks Nominated

** Owner has indicated they will pay the \$1,500 late nomination

Lexington (GIII)

Saturday, April 15, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16 M, Keeneland Race Course (R9), 5:34 p.m. EDT. TV: TVG/TVG2. Radio: HRRN Sirius 113.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	Resiliency	Florent Geroux	Steve Asmussen	6-1
2.	Souper Tapit	Robby Albarado	Mark Casse	10-1
3.	Senior Investment	Channing Hill	Kenny McPeck	5-1
4.	No Dozing	Joel Rosario	Arnaud Delacour	4-1
5.	Time to Travel	Edgar Prado	Michael Matz	4-1
6.	Convict Pike	Angel Cruz	Rusty Arnold II	8-1
7.	Capt. Grider	Jesus Castanon	Dante Zaneli Jr.	50-1
8.	He's Munnies*	Miguel Mena	Dan McFarlane	20-1
9.	Lookin at Blessing	Nik Juarez	Nick Zito	15-1
10.	West Coast	Flavien Prat	Bob Baffert	3-1

Arkansas Derby (GI)

Saturday, April 15, \$1 million, 3yo, 1 1/8 M, Oaklawn Park (R10), 5:52 p.m. EDT. TV: TVG/TVG2.

#	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1.	Rockin Rudy	Mario Gutierrez	Doug O'Neill	12-1
2.	Classic Empire	Julien Leparoux	Mark Casse	8-5
3.	Silver Dust	Corey Lanerie	Randy Morse	20-1
4.	Petrov	Ricardo Santana Jr.	Ron Moquett	12-1
5.	Grandpa's Dream	Alex Canchari	Chris Hartman	30-1
6.	Lookin At Lee	Luis Contreras	Steve Asmussen	15-1
7.	Sonneteer	Kent Desormeaux	Keith Desormeaux	15-1
8.	Rowdy The Warrior	Luis Quinonez	Donnie Von Hemel	30-1
9.	Untrapped	Mike Smith	Steve Asmussen	6-1
10.	One Dreamy Dude	Geovanni Franco	Jack Van Berg	50-1
11.	Conquest Mo Money*	Jorge Carreno	Miguel Hernandez	15-1
12.	Malagacy	Javier Castellano	Todd Pletcher	2-1

*Not Triple Crown Nominated

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BACKSTRETCH BUZZ

Dubai World Cup (GI) runner-up **Gun Runner** is enjoying a rest at Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen's** Churchill Downs Barn 38. His next start has yet to be determined, according to assistant trainer **Galen Pruitt**. ... 2016 Kentucky Derby eighth-place finisher **Mo Tom** returned to the Churchill Downs work tab on Thursday with a half-mile breeze in :47.80. The 4-year-old son of Uncle Mo is possible for the May 5 Alysheba (GII). ... Several of trainer **Ian Wilkes'** contingent are preparing for starts on Derby Week including 2016 Mrs. Revere (GII) winner **Linda**, who worked an easy half-mile Thursday in :49.20. ... Lightly-raced 3-year-old filly **Stonetacular** could run in the Eight Belles (GII), according to trainer **Neil Howard**. The daughter of Speightstown broke her maiden by four-lengths at Churchill Downs in September and ran second in two allowance races at Fair Grounds this winter.

LEADERBOARDS

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY

#	Horse	Points	Trainer	NRSE
1	Girvin	150	Joe Sharp	\$849,000
2	Gormley	125	John Shirreffs	\$884,000
3	Irap	113	Doug O'Neill	\$760,000
4	Irish War Cry	110	Graham Motion	\$676,660
5	Thunder Snow (Ire)	100	Saeed bin Suroor	\$1,621,063
6	Always Dreaming	100	Todd Pletcher	\$589,000
7	Gunnevera	84	Antonio Sano	\$1,137,800
8	Practical Joke	74	Chad Brown	\$966,000
9	J Boys Echo	63	Dale Romans	\$305,000
10	State of Honor	62	Mark Casse	\$310,364
11	Tapwrit	54	Todd Pletcher	\$325,570
12	Malagacy	50	Todd Pletcher	\$540,000
13	Hence	50	Steve Asmussen	\$401,129
14	Fast and Accurate*	50	Mike Maker	\$320,712
15	McCraken	40	Ian Wilkes	\$385,048
16	Battle of Midway	40	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$224,000
17	Patch	40	Todd Pletcher	\$200,000
18	Battalion Runner	40	Todd Pletcher	\$140,000
19	Cloud Computing	40	Chad Brown	\$135,000
20	Untapped	34	Steve Asmussen	\$210,000
21	Classic Empire	32	Mark Casse	\$1,493,820
22	Royal Mo	30	John Shirreffs	\$213,000
23	Local Hero	30	Steve Asmussen	\$140,000
	\$-Conquest Mo Money	20	Miguel Hernandez	\$296,000
24	Master Plan	20	Todd Pletcher	\$214,700
25	Sonneteer	20	Keith Desormeaux	\$186,000
26	Blueridge Traveler	20	Kenny McPeck	\$95,000
27	Petrov	13	Ron Moquett	\$195,000
28	Lookin At Lee	12	Steve Asmussen	\$328,600
29	Lancaster Bomber	10	Aidan O'Brien	\$417,430
30	Reach the World	10	Bob Baffert	\$50,000
31	Convict Pike	10	Rusty Arnold II	\$47,500
32	Hollywood Handsome	10	Dallas Stewart	\$40,000
33	Warrior's Club	3	D. Wayne Lukas	\$27,528
34	Rowdy the Warrior	2	Donnie Von Hemel	\$34,429
35	Silver Dust	1	Randy Morse	\$52,000
36	Rockin Rudy	0	Doug O'Neill	\$15,700
37	Grandpa's Dream	0	Chris Hartman	\$0
38	One Dreamy Dude	0	Jack Van Berg	\$0

*-Owner has indicated that the \$200,000 late supplemental nomination would be paid
 \$-Must be supplemented for \$200,000

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS

#	Horse	Points	Trainer	NRSE
1	Farrell	170	Wayne Catalano	\$573,407
2	Miss Sky Warrior	160	Kelly Breen	\$592,840
3	Sailor's Valentine	100	Eddie Kenneally	\$307,014
4	Paradise Woods	100	Richard Mandella	\$240,000
5	Salty*	100	Mark Casse	\$150,350
6	It Tiz Well	74	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$208,000
7	Abel Tasman	70	Bob Baffert	\$280,000
8	Daddys Lil Darling	60	Kenny McPeck	\$439,240
9	Tequilita	50	Michael Matz	\$227,540
10	Yorkiepoo Princess*	50	Ed Barker	\$211,786
11	Lockdown	50	Bill Mott	\$120,000
12	Ghalia	50	Todd Pletcher	\$120,000
	\$-Purely a Dream	50	Kenny McPeck	\$58,077
13	Wicked Lick	49	Brendan Walsh	\$118,428
14	Jordan's Henney	40	Mike Tomlinson	\$66,410
	\$-Full House	40	Jimmy Jerkens	\$60,000
	\$-Kell Paso	20	Greg Green	\$99,500
15	Benner Island	20	Brad Cox	\$55,823
16	Someday Soon	20	Will VanMeter	\$52,667
	\$-Majestic Quality	20	Keith Desormeaux	\$48,000
17	Vexatious	20	Neil Drysdale	\$40,000
	\$-Awesome Boss	20	Kenny McPeck	\$18,600
18	Mopotism	16	Doug O'Neill	\$145,000
19	Shane's Girlfriend	12	Doug O'Neill	\$268,000
20	Chanel's Legacy	11	Lynn Chleborad	\$236,667
21	Tapped	11	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$68,000
22	Summer Luck	11	Mark Casse	\$52,700
23	Sweet Loretta	10	Todd Pletcher	\$320,000
24	Nonna Bella	10	Todd Pletcher	\$12,125
25	Spooky Woods	10	Jerry Hollendorfer	\$12,000
26	Ever So Clever	6	Steve Asmussen	\$72,750
27	Tapa Tapa Tapa	5	Tim Hamm	\$42,321
28	My Sweet Stella	4	D. Wayne Lukas	\$52,667
29	Torrent	2	Ron Moquett	\$32,500
30	Dutch Parrot	0	Will VanMeter	\$0
31	Conquest Bandido*	0	Wayne Catalano	\$0
32	Drinks On Broadway	0	Gary Hartlage	\$0

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 \$-Not Kentucky Oaks nominated

[Note: Kentucky Oaks Leaderboard could change should non-nominated fillies be made eligible at the April 15 late closing]

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